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14. (Secret - GLC) Mr. Maury and I met with William Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, for luncheon. In the course of our meeting the following items were discussed:

a. Woodruff advised that although the Appropriations Committee has not formally designated the membership of its Subcommittees, Senator Allen Ellender (D., La.) and Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.) have been advised by the Chairman that they will be appointed to the CIA Subcommittee. In response to our question, Woodruff saw no objection to our making contact with Senator McClellan on the basis of his expected appointment for the purpose of providing him with background briefings on the Agency.

b. Woodruff repeated his suggestion regarding the Ervin bill that we should pursue this with Senator Birch Bayh (D., Ind.) and other members of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee. (In response to our question he said he thought Senator McClellan could be most helpful to us.)

c. Woodruff felt that the Director should definitely raise the Ervin bill problem at the first meeting of the CIA Subcommittee. He also feels it would be appropriate for us to discuss our problems with this bill with various members of the Subcommittee separately.

d. Woodruff repeated the statement which he had made earlier that he thought Senator Symington's publication of the Director's letter on the Pueblo matter could cause some rather serious problems for us. He appreciates that this was done in response to Symington's desire to quiet critics such as Senator Stephen Young (D., Ohio) but he feels that the letter may not be considered in this context by persons who do not choose to interpret it that way.

e. Woodruff is devoting considerable effort to the Pueblo and ABM issues. He expects to make Senator Russell as knowledgeable as possible on the Pueblo.

f. Woodruff provided some helpful information regarding the role of Bryce Harlow, Assistant to the President for Congressional Relations, and Ken Belieu, his deputy, with respect to the Congress.

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